tour around the world. The Google Earth pictures have a spatial resolution of generally fifteen meters and some areas have been covered with high-resolution data upto one metre resolution.

(c) The Government is fully seized of the matter and its attendant concerns. Google Earth has expressed its readiness to have discussions with the Government regarding the issue. Government has decided to constitute an expert group to address it's concerns.

Utilisation of MPLADS fund

3342. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that funds under the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) are misused or remain unutilised;

(b) whether Government have received complaints in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) is a continuing Scheme and is under implementation from 1993-94. MPLADS funds are released periodically and the utilisation takes place after following due procedure prescribed under MPLADS Guidelines. The District Authorities scrutinize the proposed works technically and financially and from feasibility and admissibility point of view before sanctioning such works for execution. Certain unutilised/unspent balance remain with the Nodal District Authorities. The State-wise details of cumulative release of funds, expenditure and unspent balance as on 30.11.2005 is given in the Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Recently four complaints of misuse of MPLADS funds have been received by the Government. Action taken by the Ministry on those complaints is given in the Statement-II (*See* below).

(d) On receiving specific complaints against misuse of MPLADS funds, the matter is investigated by the Ministry or State Governments and appropriate action is taken against the officials/persons concerned.

Statement-I

State-wise release of funds/expenditure of Member of Parliament under MPLADS

(Figures are in Rs. Crore)

Sl. No.	State	Released by G.o.I	Amount available with Nodal District with Interest etc.	Amount Sanctioned Interest etc.	Expenditure Incurred	Unspent Balance
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1	Nominated	197.05	198.86	177.83	158.17	40.69
2	Andhra Pradesh	1124.95	1148.44	1131.49	1017.67	130.78
3	Arunachal Pradesh	59.15	59.85	57.24	57.25	2.60
4	Assam	401.55	409.70	382.20	364.98	44.72
5	Bihar	1026.35	1040.73	969.67	881.46	159.27
6	Goa	54.15	56.20	57.18	49.50	6.70
7	Gujarat	671.35	687.89	671.44	604.86	83.03
8	Haryana	280.25	284.62	260.40	241.11	43.51
9	Himachal Pradesh	129.30	131.55	121.53	115.42	16.12
10	Jammu & Kashmir	149.50	152.46	148.11	121.74	30.72
11	Karnataka	743.00	762.11	735.90	692.48	69.63
12	Kerala	503.95	532.06	535.80	436.89	95.17

13	Madhya Pradesh	764.60	778.63	743.75	699.85	78.78
14	Maharashtra	1199.75	1242.69	1239.10	1086.19	156.49
15	Manipur	58.15	58.58	54.86	49.84	8.74
16	Meghalaya	54.15	54.66	52.59	52.59	2.07
17	Mizoram	40.10	40.35	39.28	37.81	2.54
18	Nagaland	38.10	38.18	33.10	33.10	5.08
19	Orissa	581.00	590.01	540.56	485.63	104.39
20	Punjab	370.55	377.32	349.07	306.95	70.37
21	Rajasthan	650.25	658.86	638.02	586.71	72.15
22	Sikkim	38.10	38.63	36.12	32.37	6.26
23	Tamil Nadu	1083.35	1160.06	1097.40	1041.34	66.72
24	Tripura	56.15	56.38	55.87	50.72	5.66
25	Uttar Pradesh	2089.70	2114.23	1993.81	1858.36	255.87
26	West Bengal	975.35	999.27	970.95	848.70	150.57
27	A & N Islands	19.05	19.50	17.12	17.42	2.08
28	Chandigarh	19.05	19.54	17.83	17.60	1.94
29	D & N Haveli	17.05	17.66	19.87	16.30	1.36
30	Daman & Diu	19.05	19.20	17.52	16.58	2.62
31	Delhi	166.95	171.19	156.62	135.54	35.65

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
32	Lakshadweep	15.05	16.47	12.47	11.62	4.85
33	Pondicherry	34.10	36.75	38.15	29.93	6.82
34	Chhattisgarh	290.65	294.74	274.02	263.54	31.20
35	Uttaranchal	132.25	134.17	125.38	118.22	15.95
36	Jharkhand	322.75	327.63	298.25	274.90	52.73
	TOTAL:	14375.80	14677.18	14070.52	12813.35	1863.84

Statement-II

Information on complaints received and action taken

(i) Complaint received from Shri Shishram Singh Ravi, ex-MP(LS) on 2.12.2003:

Misuse/irregularities of MPLADS fund of Rs. 1.24 crore for purchase of computers for 48 schools in Bijnore (UP) on the recommendation of Hon'ble MP.

Action taken:

The matter has been investigated by the Commissioner, Moradabad. The investigation report has been submitted to Planning Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh by the Commissioner, Moradabad. Principal Secretary had been requested on 2.9.2005 to take action against the offender supplier, namely M/s SRJ Software Ltd. Wazir Nagar and also for the recovery and recoupment of MPLADS fund from the offender supplier.

(ii) Complaint received from Dr. Vijay Mallya, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) on 11.1.2005:

Misappropriation of MPLADS funds in works relating to bore wells in Raichur and Lingusugar sub-divisions.

Action taken:

Deputy Commissioner, Raichur has reported that Assistant Commissioners of the sub-divisions concerned *viz.* Raichur and Lingusugur enquired into the complaint and submitted their reports, which revealed that (a) few of the bore wells were not drilled though claimed, (b) some were drilled in different Schemes, (c) some were old and (d) few of drilled bores had failed but full amount had been claimed. On the basis of the outcome of the preliminary enquiry, Secretary, Planning Department, Government of Karnataka has been requested to take suitable disciplinary action against the erring officials and recover the misappropriated MPLADS fund amount.

(iii) Complaint received from State Secretary, All India Kisan and Khet Mazdoor Congress, Tamil Nadu Congress Committee (Kisan Wing) on 20.6.2005:

All India Kisan and Khet Mazdoor Congress, Tamil Nadu Congress Committee (Kisan Wing) alleged irregularities in the utilization of MPLADS funds in the accounts of Smt. K. Rani, Hon'ble MP, Rasipuram Constituency.

They have alleged that Smt. K. Rani, Hon'ble MP (LS) Rasipuram is getting about 15% commission from the allotted funds of Rasipuram Constituency Development Scheme. They also stated that tender of Rs. 7.5 lakh works is going to be given as per the personal interest of the MP and has requested to give the work to an efficient genuine tender as per their list, who are well versed in the execution of the same.

Action taken:

The matter has been enquired into by the District Collector, Namakkal District, Tamil Nadu. He has informed that Smt. K. Rani, MP Rasipuram Constituency has not recommended the works noted in the complaint letter. Hence the question of according administrative sanction does not arise at all. Moreover, in Namakkal District, the works under MPLADS are being carried out as per the guidelines on MPLADS following due tender procedure of the State Government. Frequent field inspections of works are also being undertaken by District Collector and Project Officer, District Rural Development Agency.

(iv) Complaint received from Shri A. Raja, Union Minister of Environment and Forests on 7.2.2005:

The Hon'ble Minister forwarded a representation from Shri M. Raj Kumar, contractor who was awarded the work of construction of an overhead tank out of MPLADS funds at Perambalur District, Tamil Nadu at a cost of Rs. 10 lakh. Shri Raj Kumar has alleged 'misappropriation/diversion of MPLADS fund' by the Executive Officer, Perambalur Municipality.

Action taken:

A fact finding team from this Ministry comprising the Joint Secretary (Admn.) and Director (MPLADS) visited Perambalur between 28th and 30th April, 2005 and held detailed discussions with the concerned officers and the complainant. They also verified the records and observed that the contention of the complainant.That the MPLADS funds were diverted to other schemes was correct. Hence, Government of Tamil Nadu was requested to take necessary action in the matter against the officials concerned. Government of Tamil Nadu have informed that Construction of OHT in Perambalur Municipality has been cancelled. The fund alongwith interest has been returned back to DRDA, Perambalur. Disciplinary proceedings against the Executive Officer, Perambalur Municipality are also being initiated for the lapses committed by him.